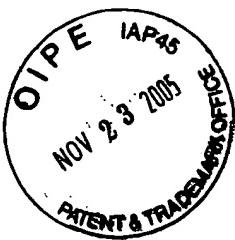


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1. The disclosure on pages 1 and 3 of the present specification and the submission of an English language abstract for JP 63-145465 A constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP 63-145465 A.
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3. The disclosure on pages 2 and 3 of the present specification and the submission of an English language abstract for WO 02-16680 A1 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of WO 02-16680 A1.
4. The disclosure on pages 1 and 3 of the present specification and the submission of *Tissue Engineering*, page 258, the translation of which was supervised by the team represented by Noriya Oono and Masuo Aizawa, NTS Inc., January 31, 2002 constitutes a concise statement of relevance.

5. The disclosure on pages 1, 2 and 3 of the present specification and the submission of Joel D. Stitzel, et al, Arterial Smooth Muscle Cell Proliferation on a Novel Biomimicking, Biodegradable Vascular Graft Scaffold, Journal of Biomaterials Applications 2001, Vol. 16, USA, page 22-23.

6. The disclosure on pages 2 and 3 of the present specification and the submission of Michael Bognitzki, et al, Nanostructured Fibers via Electrospinning, Advanced Materials 2001, Vol. 13, USA, page 20-72 constitutes a concise statement of relevance.

7. The disclosure on page 3 of the present specification and the submission of an Michael Bognitzku, et al, Preparation of Fibers with Nanoscaled Morphologies: Electrospinning of Polymer Blends, Polymer Engineering and Science 2001, Vol 41, USA, page 982-989 constitutes a concise statement of relevance .

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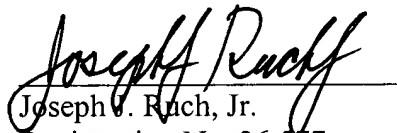
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